

Great American Pick Up

LITTER REMOVAL SAFETY GUIDELINES

DO:

- **Do** make sure that all volunteers in your business or organization are familiar with these safety precautions.
- **Do** work with a partner whenever possible.
- **Do** tie bags tightly before disposal.
- **Do** stay within sight of your group leader.
- At the end of the day, wash your hands.

DON'T:

- **Don't** bring small children or pets along on projects unless they can be closely supervised.
- **Don't** leave children or pets locked in the car at work locations.
- **Don't** overexert yourself. Be sure to take breaks and drink plenty of fluids.
- **Don't** lift with your back, lift with your legs!
- **Don't** pick up materials that you suspect might be hazardous, such as needles, bloody objects or drug paraphernalia. Report them to your Council District Site Coordinator immediately.
- **Don't** pick up litter close to the edge of curbs unless it is clear that there is no oncoming traffic
- **Don't** stomp on trash bags (Stomping may cause sharp objects to puncture the bag).
- If a Department of Transportation worker is present doing his/her job, **don't** run in front of him/her or get too close when they are working with machinery.
- **Don't** pick up near railroad tracks.

